

Whereas, Under a separate program administered by the United States Department of Labor, states appropriated money for the match are required to draw down Welfare-to-Work funds; and

Whereas, The Welfare-to-Work program is separate from TANF and is focused on employing those with the greatest barriers to self-sufficiency; and

Whereas, Welfare reform is working in Pennsylvania because we are investing in services that help people move from welfare to work; and

Whereas, TANF funds are essential to the goals of moving recipients into work; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialized the Senate of the United States to honor its welfare reform agreement with the Governors by removing from the supplemental appropriations bill the \$350 million offset from the TANF program before the bill goes to the Senate floor; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate of the United States and to the members of the Senate from Pennsylvania.

POM-36. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Finance.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 41

Whereas, In 1994 the states initiated the first lawsuits based on violations of state law by the tobacco industry; and

Whereas, The states, through leadership and years of commitment to pursuing lawsuits, achieved a comprehensive settlement with the tobacco industry; and

Whereas, After bearing all of the risks and expenses in the negotiations and litigation necessary to proceed with their lawsuit, a settlement was won by the states without any assistance from the Congress of the United States or the Federal Government; and

Whereas, On November 23, 1998, the states' Attorneys General and the tobacco companies announced a two-prong agreement focusing on advertising, marketing and lobbying and on monetary payments which the companies will make to the states; and

Whereas, The states' Attorneys General carefully crafted the tobacco agreement to reflect only state costs; and

Whereas, Medicaid costs were neither a major issue in negotiating the settlement nor an item mentioned in the final agreement; and

Whereas, The Federal Government is not entitled to take away from the states any of the funds negotiated on their behalf as a result of state lawsuits; and

Whereas, The Federal Government can initiate its own lawsuit or settlement with the tobacco industry; and

Whereas, The states are entitled to all of the funds awarded to them in the tobacco settlement agreement without Federal seizure; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Pennsylvania congressional delegation to support and pass legislation protecting the states from Federal seizure of tobacco settlement funds by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of the United States as an overpayment under the Federal Medicaid program by amending section 1903(d)(3) of the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. §1396b(d)(3)), specifically including S. 346 (105TH Congress) and H.R. 351 (105TH Congress); and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each

house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 832. A bill to extend the commercial space launch damage indemnification provisions of section 70113 of title 49, United States Code; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 833. A bill to make technical corrections to the Health Professions Education Partnerships Act of 1998 with respect to the Health Education Assistance Loan Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 834. A bill to withhold voluntary proportional assistance for programs and projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency relating to the development and completion of the Bushehr nuclear power plant in Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MACK, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 835. A bill to encourage the restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient project financing and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. ROBB):

S. 836. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group health plans and health insurance issuers provide women with adequate access to providers of obstetric and gynecological services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 837. A bill to enable drivers to choose a more affordable form of auto insurance that also provides for more adequate and timely compensation for accident victims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 838. A bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERREY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 839. A bill to restore and improve the farmer owned reserve program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 840. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for health care and

employee benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 841. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of outpatient prescription drugs under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 842. A bill to limit the civil liability of business entities that donate equipment to nonprofit organizations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 843. A bill to limit the civil liability of business entities that provide facility tours; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 844. A bill to limit the civil liability of business entities that make available to a nonprofit organization the use of a motor vehicle or aircraft; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 845. A bill to limit the civil liability of business entities providing use of facilities to nonprofit organizations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. KERRY):

S.J. Res. 20. A joint resolution concerning the deployment of the United States Armed Forces to the Kosovo region in Yugoslavia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 832. A bill to extend the commercial space launch damage indemnification provisions of section 70113 of title 49, United States Code; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

##### COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH INDUSTRY INDEMNIFICATION EXTENSION

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I rise to introduce a bill to extend the commercial space launch indemnification.

As a result of the discussions over the last year on the alleged China technology transfer situation, the need to ensure that the United States launch companies maintain a competitive position in the International launch market has never been greater. One of the more important features of the Commercial Space Launch Act ("CSLA") to the commercial industry is the comprehensive risk allocation provisions. The provisions are comprised of: (1) cross-waivers of liability among launch participants; (2) a demonstration of financial responsibility; and (3) a commitment (subject to appropriations) by the U.S. Government to pay successful third party claims above \$500 million.

Since its establishment, this three-pronged approach has been extremely attractive to the customers, contractors, and subcontractors of the U.S. launch licensee and to the contractors and subcontractors of its customers, as they are all participants in and beneficiaries of CSLA. As such, it has enabled the U.S. launch services industry to compete effectively with its foreign counterparts who offer similar coverage.